

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated September 30, 2005, claims 1-13 were pending. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 3, 5, 8 and 10-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this Amendment, and claims 3, 5, 8 and 10 have been amended, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 canceled, and new claims 14-17 added. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Specifically, claims 3, 5 and 8 have been amended to be in independent form. Claim 10 has been amended to be dependent on claim 3. New claims 14-17, depending on claim 5, corresponds to original claims 10-13.

It is noted that the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9, and the amendment of claims 3, 5 and 8 to be in independent form obviate all the pending issues in this application. Therefore, Applicants submit that by the present Amendment and Remarks, this application is placed in clear condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment and Remarks, and favorable consideration, are respectfully solicited pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

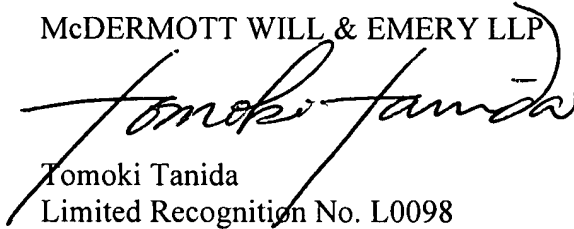
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Respectfully submitted,

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